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(54) Title: DNA ENCODING CANINE VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR AND METHODS OF USE (57) Abstract <p>The complete sequence of the canine von Willebrand Factor cDNA and deduced amino acid sequence is provided. The mutation which causes von Willebrand's Disease in Scottish Terriers, a single base deletion in exon 4, has also been determined. Methods for detecting carriers of the defective vWF gene are also provided.</p>		

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DNA ENCODING CANINE VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR AND METHODS OF USE

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to canine von Willebrand factor (vWF), and
5 more particularly, to the gene encoding vWF as well as a genetic defect that causes
canine von Willebrand's disease.

BIOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

SEQUENCE

ACCESSION NO.

Canine von Willebrand Factor

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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In both dogs and humans, von Willebrand's disease (vWD) is a bleeding
disorder of variable severity that results from a quantitative or qualitative defect in
von Willebrand factor (vWF) (Ginsburg, D. et al., *Blood* 79:2507-2519 (1992);
Ruggeri, Z.M., et al., *FASEB J* 7:308-316 (1993); Dodds, W.J., *Mod Vet Pract* 681-
15 686 (1984); Johnson, G.S. et al., *JAVMA* 176:1261-1263 (1988); Brooks, M., *Probl
In Vet Med* 4:636-646 (1992)). This clotting factor has two known functions,
stabilization of Factor VIII (hemophilic factor A) in the blood, and aiding the adhesion
of platelets to the subendothelium, which allows them to provide hemostasis more
effectively. If the factor is missing or defective, the patient, whether human or dog,
20 may bleed severely.

The disease is the most common hereditary bleeding disorder in both
species, and is genetically and clinically heterogenous. Three clinical types, called
1, 2, and 3 (formerly I, II, and III; see Sadler, J.E. et al., *Blood* 84:676-679 (1994) for
nomenclature changes), have been described. Type 1 vWD is inherited in a
25 dominant, incompletely penetrant fashion. Bleeding appears to be due to the
reduced level of vWF rather than a qualitative difference. Although this is the most
common form of vWD found in most mammals, and can cause serious bleeding
problems, it is generally less severe than the other two types. In addition, a
relatively inexpensive vasopressin analog (DDAVP) can help alleviate symptoms
30 (Kraus, K.H. et al., *Vet Surg* 18:103-109 (1989)).

In Type 2 vWD, patients have essentially normal levels of vWF, but the factor
is abnormal as determined by specialized tests (Ruggeri, Z.M., et al., *FASEB J*
7:308-316 (1993); Brooks, M., *Probl In Vet Med* 4:636-646 (1992)). This type is also

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inherited in a dominant fashion and has only rarely been described in dogs (Turrentine, M.A., et al., *Vet Clin North Am Small Anim Pract* 18:275 (1988)).

5 Type 3 vWD is the most severe form of the disease. It is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait, and affected individuals have no detectable vWF in their blood. Serious bleeding episodes require transfusions of blood or cryoprecipitate to supply the missing vWF. Heterozygous carriers have moderately reduced factor concentrations, but generally appear to have normal hemostasis.

10 Scottish terriers have Type 3 vWD (Dodds, W.J., *Mod Vet Pract* 681-686 (1984); Johnson, G.S. et al., *JAVMA* 176:1261-1263 (1988)). Homozygotes have no detectable vWF and have a severe bleeding disorder. Heterozygotes have reduced levels of the factor, and are clinically normal (Brooks, M. et al., *JAVMA* 200:1123-1127 (1992)). The prevalence of vWD among Scottish terriers including both heterozygotes and homozygotes has been variously estimated from 27-31% (Stokol, T. et al., *Res. Vet. Sci.* 59:152-155 (1995); Brooks, M., *Proc. 9th ACVIM* 15 *Forum* 89-91 (1991)).

Currently, detection of affected and carrier Scottish terrier dogs is done by vWF antigen testing (Benson, R.E. et al., *Am J Vet Res* 44:399-403 (1983); Stokol, T. et al., *Res. Vet. Sci.* 59:152-155 (1995)) or by coagulation assays (Rosborough, T.K. et al., *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 96:47-56 (1980); Read, M.S. et al., *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 20 101:74-82 (1983)). These procedures yield variable results, as the protein-based tests can be influenced by such things as sample collection, sample handling, estrous, pregnancy, vaccination, age, and hypothyroidism (Strauss, H.S. et al., *New Eng J Med* 269:1251-1252 (1963); Bloom, A.L., *Mayo Clin Proc* 66:743-751 (1991); Stirling, Y. et al., *Thromb Haemostasis* 52:176-182 (1984); Mansell, P.D. et al., *Br. Vet. J.* 148:329-337 (1992); Avgeris, S. et al., *JAVMA* 196:921-924 (1990); Panciera, D.P. et al., *JAVMA* 205:1550-1553 (1994)). Thus, for example, a dog that tests 25 within the normal range on one day, can test within the carrier range on another day. It is therefore difficult for breeders to use this information.

It would thus be desirable to provide the nucleic acid sequence encoding 30 canine vWF. It would also be desirable to provide the genetic defect responsible for canine vWD. It would further be desirable to obtain the amino acid sequence of canine vWF. It would also be desirable to provide a method for detecting carriers of the defective vWF gene based on the nucleic acid sequence of the normal and defective vWF gene.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a novel purified and isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding canine vWF. A nucleic acid sequence containing the mutation that causes vWD in Scottish terriers, a single-base deletion in exon 4, is also provided. The nucleic acid sequences of the present invention may be used in methods for detecting carriers of the mutation that causes vWD. Such methods may be used by breeders to reduce the frequency of the disease-causing allele and the incidence of disease. In addition, the nucleic acid sequence of the canine vWF provided herein may be used to determine the genetic defect that causes vWD in other breeds as well as other species.

Additional objects, advantages, and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The various advantages of the present invention will become apparent to one skilled in the art by reading the following specification and by referencing the following drawings in which:

Figures 1A-1C is the nucleic acid sequence of the canine von Willebrand factor of the present invention;

Figures 2A-2C is a comparison of the human and canine prepro-von Willebrand factor amino acid sequences;

Figure 3 provides nucleotide sequencing ladders for the von Willebrand's disease mutation region for normal (clear), carrier, and affected Scottish terriers, the sequences being obtained directly from PCR products derived from genomic DNAs in exon 4;

Figure 4 illustrates the results of a method of the present invention used to detect the Scottish terrier vWD mutation; and

Figure 5 shows the Scottish terrier pedigree, which in turn illustrates segregation of the mutant and normal vWF alleles.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The cDNA encoding canine von Willebrand Factor (vWF) has been sequenced, and its sequence is set forth in Figures 1A-1C and SEQ ID NO: 1. The amino acid sequence corresponding to the cDNA of canine vWF has been subsequently deduced and is set forth in Figures 2A-2C and SEQ ID NO: 2. The mutation of the normal vWF gene which causes von Willebrand's Disease (vWD),

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a deletion at codon 88 of the normal gene resulting in a frameshift, is also provided. The nucleic acid sequences of the present invention may be used in methods for detecting homozygous and heterozygous carriers of the defective vWF gene.

In a preferred method of detecting the presence of the von Willebrand allele
5 in canines, DNA samples are first collected by relatively noninvasive techniques, *i.e.*, DNA samples are obtained with minimal penetration into body tissues of the animals to be tested. Common noninvasive tissue sample collection methods may be used and include withdrawing buccal cells via cheek swabs and withdrawing blood samples. Following isolation of the DNA by standard techniques, PCR is performed
10 on the DNA utilizing pre-designed primers that produce enzyme restriction sites on those DNA samples that harbor the defective gene. Treatment of the amplified DNA with appropriate restriction enzymes such as *Bsi*E I thus allows one to analyze for the presence of the defective allele. One skilled in the art will appreciate that this method may be applied not only to Scottish terriers, but to other breeds such as
15 Shetland sheepdogs and Dutch Kooikers.

Overall, the present invention provides breeders with an accurate, definitive test whereby the undesired vWD gene may be eliminated from breeding lines. The current tests used by breeders are protein-based, and as noted previously, the primary difficulty with this type of test is the variability of results due to a variety of
20 factors. The ultimate result of such variability is that an inordinate number of animals fall into an ambiguous grouping whereby carriers and noncarriers cannot be reliably distinguished. The present invention obviates the inherent limitations of protein-based tests by detecting the genetic mutation which causes vWD. As described in Specific Example 1, the methods of the present invention provide an
25 accurate test for distinguishing noncarriers, homozygous carriers and heterozygous carriers of the defective vWF gene.

It will be appreciated that because the vWF cDNA of the present invention is substantially homologous to vWF cDNA throughout the canine species, the nucleic acid sequences of the present invention may be used to detect DNA mutations in
30 other breeds as well. In addition, the canine vWF sequence presented herein potentially in combination with the established human sequence (Genbank Accession No. X04385, Bonthron, D. et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 14:7125-7128 (1986); Mancuso, D.J. et al., *Biochemistry* 30:253-269 (1989); Meyer, D. et al., *Throm Haemostasis* 70:99-104 (1993)), may be used to facilitate sequencing of the vWF

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gene and genetic defects causing vWD, in other mammalian species e.g., by using cross-species PCR methods known by those skilled in the art.

It is also within the contemplation of this invention that the isolated and purified nucleic acid sequences of the present invention be incorporated into an appropriate recombinant expression vector, e.g., viral or plasmid, which is capable of transforming an appropriate host cell, either eukaryotic (e.g., mammalian) or prokaryotic (e.g., *E. coli*). Such DNA may involve alternate nucleic acid forms, such as cDNA, gDNA, and DNA prepared by partial or total chemical synthesis. The DNA may also be accompanied by additional regulatory elements, such as promoters, operators and regulators, which are necessary and/or may enhance the expression of the vWF gene product. In this way, cells may be induced to over-express the vWF gene, thereby generating desired amounts of the target vWF protein. It is further contemplated that the canine vWF polypeptide sequence of the present invention may be utilized to manufacture canine vWF using standard synthetic methods. One skilled in the art will also note that the defective protein encoded by the defective vWF gene of the present invention may also be of use in formulating a complementary diagnostic test for canine vWD that may provide further data in establishing the presence of the defective allele. Thus, production of the defective vWF polypeptide, either through expression in transformed host cells as described above for the active vWF polypeptide or through chemical synthesis, is also contemplated by the present invention.

The term "gene" as referred herein means a nucleic acid which encodes a protein product. The term "nucleic acid" refers to a linear array of nucleotides and nucleosides, such as genomic DNA, cDNA and DNA prepared by partial or total chemical synthesis from nucleotides. The term "encoding" means that the nucleic acid may be transcribed and translated into the desired polypeptide. "Polypeptide" refers to amino acid sequences which comprise both full-length proteins and fragments thereof. "Mutation" as referred to herein includes any alteration in a nucleic acid sequence including, but not limited to, deletions, substitutions and additions.

As referred to herein, the term "capable of hybridizing under high stringency conditions" means annealing a strand of DNA complementary to the DNA of interest under highly stringent conditions. Likewise, "capable of hybridizing under low stringency conditions" refers to annealing a strand of DNA complementary to the DNA of interest under low stringency conditions. In the present invention, hybridizing

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under either high or low stringency conditions would involve hybridizing a nucleic acid sequence (e.g., the complementary sequence to SEQ ID NO: 1 or portion thereof), with a second target nucleic acid sequence. "High stringency conditions" for the annealing process may involve, for example, high temperature and/or low salt content, which disfavor hydrogen bonding contacts among mismatched base pairs. "Low stringency conditions" would involve lower temperature, and/or lower salt concentration than that of high stringency conditions. Such conditions allow for two DNA strands to anneal if substantial, though not near complete complementarity exists between the two strands, as is the case among DNA strands that code for the same protein but differ in sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code. Appropriate stringency conditions which promote DNA hybridization, for example, 6X SSC at about 45 °C, followed by a wash of 2X SSC at 50 °C are known to those skilled in the art or can be found in *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1989), 6.31-6.3.6. For example, the salt concentration in the wash step can be selected from a low stringency of about 2X SSC at 50 °C to a high stringency of about 0.2X SSC at 50 °C. In addition, the temperature in the wash step can be increased from low stringency at room temperature, about 22 °C, to high stringency conditions, at about 65 °C. Other stringency parameters are described in Maniatis, T., et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring NY, (1982), at pp. 387-389; see also Sambrook, J. et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second Edition, Volume 2, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring, NY at pp. 8.46-8.47 (1989).

SPECIFIC EXAMPLE 1

Materials And Methods

Isolation of RNA. The source of the RNA was a uterus from a Scottish Terrier affected with vWD (factor level < 0.1% and a clinical bleeder), that was surgically removed because of infection. Spleen tissue was obtained from a Doberman Pinscher affected with vWD that died from dilated cardiomyopathy (factor level 7% and a clinical bleeder). Total RNA was extracted from the tissues using Trizol (Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD). The integrity of the RNA was assessed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

Design of PCR primer sets. Primers were designed to a few regions of the gene, where sequences from two species were available (Lavergne, J.M. et al., *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* 194:1019-1024 (1993); Bakhshi, M.R. et al., *Biochem Biophys Acta* 1132:325-328 (1992)). These primers were designed using

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rules for cross-species' amplifications (Venta et al., "Genes-Specific Universal Mammalian Sequence-Tagged Sites: Application To The Canine Genome" *Biochem. Genet.* (1996) in press). Most of the primers had to be designed to other regions of the gene using the human sequence alone (Mancuso, D.J. et al., *Biochemistry* 5 30:253-269 (1991)). Good amplification conditions were determined by using human and canine genomic DNAs.

Reverse Transcriptase-PCR. Total RNA was reverse transcribed using random primers (Bergenhem, N.C.H. et al., *PNAS (USA)* 89:8789-8802 (1992)). The cDNA was amplified using the primer sets shown to work on canine genomic DNA.

10 **DNA Sequence Analysis.** Amplification products of the predicted sizes were isolated from agarose gels by adsorption onto silica gel particles using the manufacturer's method (Qiagen, Chatsworth, CA). Sequences were determined using ³²P-5' end-labeled primers and a cycle sequencing kit (United States Biochemical Corp., Cleveland, OH). The sequences of the 5' and 3' untranslated 15 regions were determined after amplification using Marathon™ RACE kits (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). Sequences were aligned using the Eugene software analysis package (Lark Technologies, Houston, TX). The sequence of the canine intron four was determined from PCR-amplified genomic DNA.

Design of a Diagnostic Test. PCR mutagenesis was used to create 20 diagnostic and control *Bs/E* I and *Sau96* I restriction enzyme sites for the test. Amplification conditions for the test are: 94°C, 1 min, 61°C, 1 min, and 72°C, 1 min, for 50 cycles using cheek swab DNA (Richards, B. et al., *Human Molecular Genetics* 2:159-163 (1992)).

Population Survey. DNA was collected from 87 Scottish terriers from 16 25 pedigrees. DNA was isolated either from blood using standard procedures (Sambrook, J. et al., Cold Harbor Spring Lab, Cold Harbor Spring NY, 2nd Edition, (1989)) or by cheek swab samples (Richards, B. et al., *Human Molecular Genetics* 2:159-163 (1992)). The genetic status of each animal in the survey was determined using the *Bs/E* I test described above.

30 Results

Comparison of the canine and human sequences. The alignment of the canine and human prepro-von Willebrand Factor amino acid sequences is shown in Figures 2A-2C. The location of the Scottish terrier vWD mutation is indicated by the "***". Potential N-glycosylation sites are shown in bold type. The known and 35 postulated integrin binding sites are boxed. Amino acid numbers are shown on the

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right side of the figure. The human sequence is derived from Genbank accession number X04385 (Bonthon, D. et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 14:7125-7128 (1986)).

Overall, 85.1% sequence identity is seen between the prepro-vWF sequences. The pro-region is slightly less conserved than the mature protein (81.4% vs. 87.5%). There were no other noteworthy percentage sequence identity differences seen in other regions of the gene, or between the known repeats contained within the gene (data not shown). Fourteen potential N-linked glycosylation sites are present in the canine sequence, all of which correspond to similar sites contained within the human sequence. The two integrin binding sites identified in the human vWF protein sequence (Lankhof, H. et al., *Blood* 86:1035-1042 (1995)) are conserved in the canine sequence as well (Figures 2A-2C). The 5' and 3' untranslated regions have diverged to a greater extent than the coding region (data not shown), comparable to that found between the human and bovine sequences derived for the 5' flanking region (Janel, N. et al., *Gene* 167:291-295 (1995)). Additional insights into the structure and function of the von Willebrand factor can be gained by comparison of the complete human sequence (Mancuso, D.J. et al., *Biochemistry* 30:253-269 (1989); Meyer, D. et al., *Throm Haemostasis* 70:99-104 (1993)) and the complete canine sequence reported here.

The sequence for most of exon 28 was determined (Mancuso, D.J. et al., *Thromb Haemost* 69:980 (1993); Porter, C.A. et al., *Mol Phylogenet Evol* 5:89-101 (1996)). All three sequences are in complete agreement, although two silent variants have been found in other breeds (Table 1, exon 28). Partial sequences of exons 40 and 41 (cDNA nucleotide numbers 6923 to 7155, from the initiation codon) were also determined as part of the development of a polymorphic simple tandem repeat genetic marker (Shibuya, H. et al., *Anim Genet* 24:122 (1994)). There is a single nucleotide sequence difference between this sequence ("T") and the sequence of the present invention, ("C") at nucleotide position 6928.

Scottish Terrier vWD mutation. Figure 3 shows nucleotide sequencing ladders for the von Willebrand's Disease mutation region for normal (clear), carrier, and affected Scottish terriers. The sequences were obtained directly from PCR products derived from genomic DNAs in exon 4. The arrowheads show the location of the C nucleotide that is deleted in the disease-causing allele. Note that in the carrier ladder each base above the point of the mutation has a doublet appearance, as predicted for deletion mutations. The factor levels reported for these animals were: Normal, 54%; Carrier, 34%; Affected, <0.1%.

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As a result of the deletion, a frameshift mutation at codon 88 leads to a new stop codon 103 bases downstream. The resulting severely truncated protein of 119 amino acids does not include any of the mature von Willebrand factor region. The identity of the base in the normal allele was determined from an unaffected dog.

- 5 **Development of a diagnostic test.** A PCR primer was designed to produce a *Bsi*E I site in the mutant allele but not in the normal allele (Figure 4). The position of the deleted nucleotide is indicated by an asterisk. The altered nucleotides in each primer are underlined. The normal and mutant allele can also be distinguished using *Sau*96 I. The naturally occurring *Sau*96 I sites are shown by double underlines.
- 10 The highly conserved donor and acceptor dinucleotide splice sequences are shown in bold type.

- In order to ensure that the restriction enzyme cut the amplified DNA to completion, an internal control restriction site common to both alleles was designed into the non-diagnostic primer. The test was verified by digestion of the DNA from
- 15 animals that were affected, obligate carriers, or normal (based on high factor levels [greater than 100% of normal] obtained from commonly used testing labs and reported to us by the owners, and also using breeds in which Type 3 vWD has not been observed). The expected results were obtained (e.g., Figure 5). Five vWD-affected animals from a colony founded from Scottish terriers (Brinkhous, K.M. et al.,
- 20 *Ann. New York Acad. Sci.* 370:191-203 (1981)) were also shown to be homozygous for this mutation. An additional unaffected animal from this same colony was found to be clear.

- It would still be possible to misinterpret the results of the test if restriction enzyme digestion was not complete, and if the rates of cleavage of the control
- 25 and diagnostic sites were vastly different. The rates of cleavage of the two *Bsi*E I sites were thus examined by partially digesting the PCR products and running them on capillary electrophoresis. The rates were found to be very nearly equal (the diagnostic site is cut 12% faster than the control site).

- The mutagenesis primer was also designed to produce a *Sau*96 I site into the
- 30 normal allele but not the mutant allele. This is the reverse relationship compared to the *Bsi*E I-dependent test, with respect to which allele is cut. Natural internal *Sau*96 I sites serve as digestion control sites (shown in Figure 4). The test using this enzyme produced identical genotypic results compared to the *Bsi*E I for all animals examined (data not shown).

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A possible mutation in the Doberman Pinscher gene. The complete Scottish terrier sequence was compared to the complete Doberman Pinscher sequence. Several nucleotide differences were found and were compared to the nucleotides found in the same position in the human sequence as shown in Table 1 below. Most of these changes were silent. However, of three amino acid changes, one is relatively non-conservative (F905L) and is proposed to be the mutation that causes Doberman Pinscher vWD. Other data strongly suggest that the nucleotide interchange at the end of exon 43 causes a cryptic splice site to be activated reducing the amount of normally processed mRNA, with a concomitant decrease in the amount of vWF produced.

Mendelian inheritance. One test often used to verify the correct identification of a mutant allele is its inheritance according to Mendel's law of segregation. Three pedigrees were examined in which the normal and mutant alleles were segregating, as shown in Figure 5. Exon four of the vWF gene was PCR-amplified from genomic DNA. The PCR products were examined for the presence of the normal and mutant vWF alleles by agarose gel electrophoresis after digestion with *Bs/E* I (see Figure 5). The affected animals are homozygous for the mutant allele (229 bp; lanes 3 and 5). The other animals in this pedigree are heterozygotes (251 bp and 229 bp; lanes 1, 2, 4, and 6), including the obligate carrier parents.

Table 1 - Differences Between Scottie And Doberman Protein And Nucleotide von Willebrand Factor Sequences With Comparison To The Human Sequences

Exon	A.A. ¹	Amino Acid			Codon		
		Human	Scottie	Doberman	Human	Scottie	Doberman
5	5' UT ²	nuc - 35 ³	N/A ⁴	N/A	N/A	A	G
	4	85	S	S/F.Shift ⁵	TCC	TCC/TC_	TCC
	5	173	M	R	ATG	AGG	AAG
	11	422	S	T	TCC	ACA	ACC
	21	898	C	C	TGC	TGT	TGC
10	21	905	F	F	TTT	TTC	TTA
	24	1041	S	S	TCA	TCA	TCG
	24	1042	S	S	TCC	TCC	TCA
	28	1333	D	D	GAC	GAC	GAG
	28	1349	Y	Y	TAT	TAT	TAC*
15	42	2381	P	L	CCC	CTG	CCG
	43	2479	S	S	TCG	TCG	TCA
	45	2555	P	P	CCC	CCC	CCG
	47	2591	P	P	CCC	CCT	CCC
	49	2672	D	D	GAT	GAT	GAC
20	51	2744	E	E	GAG	GAG	GAA

¹Amino acid residue position

²Untranslated region

³Nucleotide position

⁴Not Applicable

25 ⁵Frameshift mutation

Boxed residues show amino acid differences between breeds

*This site has been shown to be polymorphic in some breeds

The mature VWF protein begins in exon 18

30 The alleles, as typed by both the *Bsi*E I and *Sau*96 I tests, showed no inconsistencies with Mendelian inheritance. One of these pedigrees included two affected animals, two phenotypically normal siblings, and the obligate carrier parents. The two parents were found to be heterozygous by the test, the two affected animals were found to be homozygous for the mutant allele, and the normal siblings were found to be heterozygotes.

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Population survey for the mutation. Cheek swabs or blood samples were collected from 87 animals in order to determine the incidence of carriers in the U.S. Scottish terrier population. Although we attempted to make the sample as random as possible, these dogs were found to come from 16 pedigrees, several of which are more distantly interconnected. This is due to some ascertainment bias, based on ownership (as opposed to phenotypic ascertainment bias). In these 87 animals four affected and 15 carrier animals were found.

Discussion

These results establish that the single base deletion found in exon four of the vWF gene causes vWD in the Scottish terrier breed. The protein produced from the mutant allele is extremely short and does not include any of the mature vWF protein. Four Scottish terriers known to be affected with the disease are homozygous for the mutation. Five other mixed-breed dogs descended from Scottish terriers, and affected with vWD, are also homozygous for the mutation. No normal animals are homozygous for the mutation. Unaffected obligate carriers are always heterozygous for the mutation.

The gene frequency, as determined from the population survey, appears to be around 0.13 resulting in a heterozygote frequency of about 23% and expected frequency of affected animals of about 2%. Although the sample size is relatively small and somewhat biased, these data are in general agreement with the protein-based surveys (Stokol, T. et al., *Res Vet Sci* 59:152-155 (1995); Brooks, M., *Probl In Vet Med* 4:636-646 (1992)), in that the allele frequency is substantial.

All data collected thus far indicate that this mutation accounts for essentially all of the von Willebrand's disease found in Scottish terriers. This result is consistent with the results found for other genetic diseases, defined at the molecular level, in various domestic animals (Shuster, D.E. et al., *PNAS (USA)* 89:9225-9229 (1992); Rudolph, J.A. et al., *Nat Genet* 2:144-147 (1992); O'Brien, P.J. et al., *JAVMA* 203:842-851 (1993)). A likely explanation may be found in the pronounced founder effect that occurs in domestic animals, compared to most human and wild animal populations.

Published data using the protein-based factor assays have shown that, at least in several instances, obligate carriers have had factor levels that would lead to a diagnosis of "clear" of the disease allele. For example, in one study an obligate carrier had a factor level of 78% (Johnson, G.S. et al., *JAVMA* 176:1261-1263 (1980)). In another study, at least some of the obligate carriers had factor levels of

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65% or greater (Brinkhous, K.M. et al., *Ann. New York Acad. Sci.* 370:191-203 (1981)). In addition, the number of animals that fall into an equivocal range can be substantial. In one study, 19% of Scottish terriers fell in this range (50-65% of the normal vWF antigen level) (Stokol, T. et al., *Res Vet Sci* 59:152-155 (1995)). Thus, although the protein-based tests have been useful, the certainty of the DNA-based test described herein should relieve the necessity of repeated testing and the variability associated with the protein-based assays.

The mutation is present in the pre-vWF part of the molecule. This part of the molecule is processed off prior to delivery of the mature protein into the plasma. This pre-portion of the molecule is important for the assembly of the mature vWF protein (Verwiej, L. et al., *EBMO J* 6:2885-2890 (1987); Wise, R.J. et al., *Cell* 52:229-236 (1988)). With the Scottish terrier frameshift vWD mutation, neither this pre-portion nor any of the mature factor is ever produced, in keeping with the fact that no factor has ever been detected in the blood of affected dogs.

The determination of the complete canine vWF cDNA sequence will have an impact upon the development of carrier tests for other breeds and other species as well. Currently, Shetland sheepdogs and Dutch Kooikers are known to have a significant amount of Type 3 vWD (Brooks, M. et al., *JAVMA* 200:1123-1127 (1992); Slappendel, R.J., *Vet-Q* 17:S21-S22 (1995)). Type 3 vWD has occasionally be seen in other breeds as well (e.g., Johnson, G.S. et al., *JAVMA* 176:1261-1263 (1980)). All Type 3 vWD mutations described in humans to date have been found within the vWF gene itself. The availability of the canine sequence will make it easier to find the mutations in these breeds. In addition, at least some Type 1 mutations have been found within the human vWF gene, and thus Type 1 mutations may also be found within the vWF gene for breeds affected with that form of the disease. The availability of two divergent mammalian vWF cDNA sequences will also make it much easier to sequence the gene from other mammalian species using cross-species PCR methods (e.g., Venta et al., *Biochem. Genet.* (1996) in press).

The test described herein for the detection of the mutation in Scottish terriers may be performed on small amounts of DNA from any tissue. The tissues that are the least invasive to obtain are blood and buccal cells. For maximum convenience, a cheek swab as a source of DNA is preferred.

The foregoing discussion discloses and describes merely exemplary embodiments of the present invention. One skilled in the art will readily recognize from such discussion, and from the accompanying drawings, that various changes,

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modifications and variations can be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

All patents and other publications cited herein are expressly incorporated by reference.

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GTG GTG TTT GTC CTG GAA GGG TCA GAC AAA ATT GGT GAG GCC AAC TTT Val Val Phe Val Leu Glu Gly Ser Asp Lys Ile Gly Glu Ala Asn Phe 1500 1505 1510	4744
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TGT CCC ACC TGT CAC TGC GAG CCC CTG GAG GCC TGC TTG CTC AAT GGT	7960
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2813 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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 35 40 45
 Ser Met Tyr Ser Phe Ala Gly Asp Cys Ser Tyr Leu Leu Ala Gly Asp
 50 55 60
 Cys Gln Glu His Ser Ile Ser Leu Ile Gly Gly Phe Gln Asn Asp Lys
 65 70 75 80
 Arg Val Ser Leu Ser Val Tyr Leu Gly Glu Phe Phe Asp Ile His Leu
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 Phe Val Asn Gly Thr Met Leu Gln Gly Thr Gln Ser Ile Ser Met Pro
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 Leu Ser Ser Glu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Val Ala Arg Ile Asp Gly Asn Gly
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 Glu Gly Thr Leu Thr Ser Asp Pro Tyr Asp Phe Ala Asn Ser Trp Ala
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 Val Thr Val Leu Gln Tyr Ser Tyr Met Val Thr Val Glu Tyr Thr Phe
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 Ser Glu Ala Gln Ser Lys Gly Glu Val Leu Gln Gln Val Arg Asp Ile
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 Arg Tyr Arg Gly Gly Asn Arg Thr Asn Thr Gly Leu Ala Leu Gln Tyr
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 Leu Ser Glu His Ser Phe Ser Val Ser Gln Gly Asp Arg Glu Gln Val
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 Lys Arg Met Pro Gly Asp Ile Gln Val Val Pro Ile Gly Val Gly Pro
 1620 1625 1630
 His Ala Asn Val Gln Glu Leu Glu Lys Ile Gly Trp Pro Asn Ala Pro
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 Val Leu Gln Arg Cys Cys Ser Gly Glu Gly Leu Gln Ile Pro Thr Leu
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 Ser Pro Thr Pro Asp Cys Ser Gln Pro Leu Asp Val Val Leu Leu Leu
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 Phe Thr Lys Ala Phe Ile Ser Arg Ala Asn Ile Gly Pro Arg Leu Thr
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 Gln Val Ser Val Leu Gln Tyr Gly Ser Ile Thr Thr Ile Asp Val Pro
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 Trp Asn Val Ala Tyr Glu Lys Val His Leu Leu Ser Leu Val Asp Leu
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Met Gln Gln Glu Gly Gly Pro Ser Glu Ile Gly Asp Ala Leu Ser Phe
 1765 1770 1775
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 Ser Lys Ala Val Val Ile Leu Val Thr Asp Val Ser Val Asp Ser Val
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 Pro Gly Asp Val Trp Thr Leu Pro Asp Gln Cys His Thr Val Thr Cys
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 1985 1990 1995 2000
 Cys Met Lys Ser Ile Glu Val Lys His Asp Gly Leu Ser Val Glu Leu
 2005 2010 2015
 His Ser Asp Met Gln Met Thr Val Asn Gly Arg Leu Val Ser Ile Pro
 2020 2025 2030
 Tyr Val Gly Gly Asp Met Glu Val Asn Val Tyr Gly Thr Ile Met Tyr
 2035 2040 2045
 Glu Val Arg Phe Asn His Leu Gly His Ile Phe Thr Phe Thr Pro Gln
 2050 2055 2060
 Asn Asn Glu Phe Gln Leu Gln Leu Ser Pro Arg Thr Phe Ala Ser Lys
 2065 2070 2075 2080
 Thr Tyr Gly Leu Cys Gly Ile Cys Asp Glu Asn Gly Ala Asn Asp Phe
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 2100 2105 2110

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Glu Trp Thr Val Gln Gln Leu Gly Lys Thr Ser Gln Pro Val His Glu
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 Glu Gln Cys Pro Val Ser Glu Phe Phe His Cys Gln Val Leu Leu Ser
 2130 2135 2140
 Glu Leu Phe Ala Glu Cys His Lys Val Leu Ala Pro Ala Thr Phe Tyr
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 Ala Met Cys Gln Pro Asp Ser Cys His Pro Lys Lys Val Cys Glu Ala
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 2180 2185 2190
 Trp Arg Arg Ala Asn Phe Cys Ala Met Ser Cys Pro Pro Ser Leu Val
 2195 2200 2205
 Tyr Asn His Cys Glu His Gly Cys Pro Arg Leu Cys Glu Gly Asn Thr
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 Ser Ser Cys Gly Asp Gln Pro Ser Glu Gly Cys Phe Cys Pro Pro Asn
 2225 2230 2235 2240
 Gln Val Met Leu Glu Gly Ser Cys Val Pro Glu Glu Ala Cys Thr Gln
 2245 2250 2255
 Cys Ile Ser Glu Asp Gly Val Arg His Gln Phe Leu Glu Thr Trp Val
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 Pro Ala His Gln Pro Cys Gln Ile Cys Thr Cys Leu Ser Gly Arg Lys
 2275 2280 2285
 Val Asn Cys Thr Leu Gln Pro Cys Pro Thr Ala Lys Ala Pro Thr Cys
 2290 2295 2300
 Gly Pro Cys Glu Val Ala Arg Leu Arg Gln Asn Ala Val Gln Cys Cys
 2305 2310 2315 2320
 Pro Glu Tyr Glu Cys Val Cys Asp Leu Val Ser Cys Asp Leu Pro Pro
 2325 2330 2335
 Val Pro Pro Cys Glu Asp Gly Leu Gln Met Thr Leu Thr Asn Pro Gly
 2340 2345 2350
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 2355 2360 2365
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 2370 2375 2380
 Lys Thr Gln Cys Cys Asp Glu Tyr Glu Cys Ala Cys Asn Cys Val Asn
 2385 2390 2395 2400
 Ser Thr Val Ser Cys Pro Leu Gly Tyr Leu Ala Ser Ala Val Thr Asn
 2405 2410 2415
 Asp Cys Gly Cys Thr Thr Thr Thr Cys Phe Pro Asp Lys Val Cys Val
 2420 2425 2430
 His Arg Gly Thr Ile Tyr Pro Val Gly Gln Phe Trp Glu Glu Ala Cys
 2435 2440 2445
 Asp Val Cys Thr Cys Thr Asp Leu Glu Asp Ser Val Met Gly Leu Arg
 2450 2455 2460

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Val Ala Gln Cys Ser Gln Lys Pro Cys Glu Asp Asn Cys Leu Ser Gly
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 Phe Thr Tyr Val Leu His Glu Gly Glu Cys Cys Gly Arg Cys Leu Pro
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 2545 2550 2555 2560
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 2595 2600 2605
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 2725 2730 2735
 Gly Asp Cys Lys Ser Glu Glu Glu Val Asp Ile His Tyr Cys Glu Gly
 2740 2745 2750
 Lys Cys Ala Ser Lys Ala Val Tyr Ser Ile His Met Glu Asp Val Gln
 2755 2760 2765
 Asp Gln Cys Ser Cys Cys Ser Pro Thr Gln Thr Glu Pro Met Gln Val
 2770 2775 2780
 Ala Leu Arg Cys Thr Asn Gly Ser Leu Ile Tyr His Glu Ile Leu Asn
 2785 2790 2795 2800
 Ala Ile Glu Cys Arg Cys Ser Pro Arg Lys Cys Ser Lys
 2805 2810

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WE CLAIM:

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding canine von Willebrand Factor polypeptide.
2. The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence
5 is capable of hybridizing under high stringency conditions to SEQ ID NO. 1.
3. The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes the Scottish terrier von Willebrand Factor polypeptide.
4. The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 2, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes the Scottish terrier von Willebrand Factor polypeptide.
- 10 5. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 1.
6. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 2.
7. A cell comprising the vector of Claim 5.
8. A cell comprising the vector of Claim 6.
9. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding
15 defective canine von Willebrand Factor polypeptide.
10. The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 9, wherein the nucleotide sequence is capable of hybridizing under high stringency conditions to the complement of SEQ ID NO. 1 having a base deletion at codon 88.
11. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 9.
- 20 12. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 10.
13. A cell comprising the vector of Claim 11.
14. A cell comprising the vector of Claim 12.

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15. An isolated oligonucleotide sequence consisting of contiguous nucleic acids of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1 and capable of specifically hybridizing with the canine von Willebrand Factor gene.

16. An isolated oligonucleotide sequence consisting of contiguous nucleic acids of the nucleotide sequence that is complementary to the sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1 and capable of specifically hybridizing with the canine von Willebrand Factor gene.

17. A method of detecting a canine von Willebrand Factor gene in a sample comprising the steps of:

- 10 a) contacting the sample with a oligonucleotide comprising contiguous nucleic acids of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1 and capable of specifically hybridizing with the canine von Willebrand Factor gene, under conditions favorable for hybridization of the oligonucleotide to any complementary sequences of nucleic acid in the sample; and
- 15 b) detecting hybridization, thereby detecting a canine von Willebrand Factor gene.

18. The method of Claim 17, further comprising the step of:

- 20 c) quantifying hybridization of the oligonucleotide to complementary sequence.

19. The method of Claim 17, wherein in SEQ ID NO. 1 there is a base deletion at codon 88.

20. An assay kit for screening for a canine von Willebrand Factor gene comprising:

- 25 a) an oligonucleotide comprising contiguous nucleic acids of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1 and capable of hybridizing with the canine von Willebrand Factor gene;
- b) reagents for hybridization of the oligonucleotide to a complementary nucleic acid sequence; and
- 30 c) container means for a)-b).

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21. A method of detecting a canine von Willebrand Factor gene in a sample comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) contacting the sample with an oligonucleotide comprising contiguous nucleic acids of the nucleotide sequence that is complementary to the sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1 and capable of specifically hybridizing to the complementary nucleotide sequence, under conditions favorable for hybridization of the oligonucleotide to any complementary sequences of nucleic acid in the sample; and
- 10 b) detecting hybridization, thereby detecting a canine von Willebrand Factor gene.

22. The method of Claim 21, further comprising the step of:

- c) quantifying hybridization of the oligonucleotide to complementary sequences.

15 23. The method of Claim 21, wherein in SEQ ID NO. 1 there is a base deletion at codon 88.

24. An assay kit for screening for a canine von Willebrand Factor gene comprising:

- 20 a) an oligonucleotide comprising contiguous acids from the nucleotide sequence that is complementary to the sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1 and capable of specifically hybridizing to the complementary nucleotide sequence;
- b) reagents for hybridization of the oligonucleotide to a complementary nucleic acid sequence; and
- 25 c) container means for a)-b).

25. The assay kit of Claim 24, wherein in SEQ ID NO. 1 there is a base deletion at codon 88.

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26. A method for detecting a mutated canine von Willebrand Factor gene in a canine DNA sample comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) amplifying the DNA sample by polymerase chain reaction to produce polymerase chain reaction products, wherein the polymerase chain reaction uses primers that produce a restriction site in a mutant allele but not in a normal allele;
- b) digesting the polymerase chain reaction products with a restriction enzyme specific to the restriction site of the restriction site primer to produce DNA fragments; and
- 10 c) detecting the DNA fragments, thereby detecting a mutated canine von Willebrand Factor gene.

27. The method of Claim 26, wherein the primers are those of Figure 4.

28. The method of Claim 26, wherein the DNA fragments are detected by gel electrophoresis.

15 29. The method of Claim 27, wherein the restriction enzyme is *Bs*I.

30. The method of Claim 27, wherein the restriction enzyme is *Sau*96 I.

31. An oligonucleotide probe capable of detecting a mutation associated with canine von Willebrand's disease, wherein the mutation is a base deletion at codon 88 of the canine von Willebrand Factor gene.

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FIGURE 1A

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1  CATTAAAGG TCCTGGCTGG GAGCTTTTTT TTGGGACCAG CACTCCATGT TCAAGGGCAA
61 ACAGGGGCCA ATTAGGATCA ATCTTTTTTC TTTCTTTTTT TAAAAAAA AATTCTTCCC
121 ACTTTGCACA CGGACAGTAG TACATACCAG TAGCTCTCTG CGAGGACGGT GATCACTAAT
181 CATTCTCCTT GCTTCGTGGC AGATGAGTCC TACCAGACTT GTGAGGGTGC TGCTGGCTCT
241 GGCCCTCATC TTGCCAGGGA AACTTTGTAC AAAAGGGACT GTTGGGAAGT CATCGATGGC
301 CCGATGTAGC CTTCTCGGAG GTGACTTCAT CAACACCTTT GATGAGAGCA TGTACAGCTT
361 TGCGGGAGAT TGCAGTTACC TCCTGGCTGG GGACTGCCAG GAACACTCCA TCTCACTTAT
421 CGGGGGTTTC CAAAATGACA AAAGAGTGAG CCTCTCCGTG TATCTCGGAG AATTTTTCGA
481 CATTCAATTG TTTGTCAATG GTACCATGCT GCAGGGGACC CAAAGCATCT CCATGCCCTA
541 CGCCTCCAAT GGGCTGTATC TAGAGGCCGA GGCTGGCTAC TACAAGCTGT CCAGTGAGGC
601 CTACGGCTTT GTGGCCAGAA TTGATGGCAA TGGCAACTTT CAAGTCCTGC TGTCAGACAG
661 ATACTTCAAC AAGACCTGTG GGCTGTGTGG CAACTTTAAT ATCTTGTCTG AGGATGACTT
721 CAAGACTCAA GAAGGGACGT TGAATTCCGA CCCCTATGAC TTTGCCAACT CCTGGGCCCT
781 GAGCAGTGGG GAACAACGGT GCAAACGGGT GTCCCCCTCC AGCAGCCCAT GCAATGTCTC
841 CTCTGATGAA GTGCAGCAGG TCCTGTGGGA GCAGTGCCAG CTCCTGAAGA GTGCCTCGGT
901 GTTTGCCCGC TGCCACCCGC TGGTGGACCT TGAGCCTTTT GTCGCCCTGT GTGAAAGGAC
961 TCTGTGCACC TGTGTCCAGG GGATGGAGTC CCCTGTGCGG GTCCTCCTGG AGTACGCCCG
1021 GCCTGTGCC CAGCAGGGGA TTGTCTTGTA CGCTGGACC GACCACAGCG TCTGCCGACC
1081 AGCATGCCCT GCTGGCATGG AGTACAAGGA GTGCGTGTCC CCTTGACCA GAACCTGCCA
1141 GAGCCTTCAT GTCAAAGAAG TGTGTGAGGA GCAATGTGTA GATGGCTGCA GCTGCCCCGA
1201 GGGCCAGCTC CTGGATGAAG GCCACTGCGT GGAAGTGCT GAGTGTTCCT GTGTGCATGC
1261 TGGGCAACGG TACCCTCCGG GCGCCTCCCT CTTACAGGAC TGCCACACCT GCATTTGCCG
1321 AAATAGCCTG TGGATCTGCA GCAATGAAGA ATGCCCAGGC GAGTGTCTGG TCACAGGACA
1381 GTCCCACTTC AAGAGCTTCG ACAACAGGTA CTTACCTTC AGTGGGGTCT GCCACTACCT
1441 GCTGGCCAG GACTGCCAGG ACCACACATT CTCTGTTGTC ATAGAGACTG TCCAGTGTGC
1501 CGATGACCTG GATGCTGTCT GCACCCGCTC GGTACCCGTC CGCCTGCCTG GACATCACAA
1561 CAGCCTTGTC AAGCTGAAGA ATGGGGGAGG AGTCTCCATG GATGGCCAGG ATATCCAGG
1621 TCCTCTCCTG CAAGGTGACC TCCGCATCCA GCACACCGTG ATGGCCTCCG TCGCCTCAG
1681 CTACGGGGAG GACCTGCAGA TGGATTGCGA CGTCCGGGGC AGGCTACTGG TGACGCTGTA
1741 CCCCCTAC GCGGGGAAGA CGTGCGGCCG TGGCGGGAAC TACAACGGCA ACCGGGGGGA
1801 CGACTTCGTG ACGCCCGCAG GCCTGGCGGA GCCCCTGGTG GAGGACTTCG GGAACGCCTG
1861 GAAGCTGCTC GGGGCTGCG AGAACCTGCA GAAGCAGCAC CGCGATCCCT GCAGCCTCAA
1921 CCCGCGCCAG GCCAGGTGTC CGGAGGAGGC GTGCGCGCTG CTGACGTCCT CGAAGTTCGA
1981 GCCCTGCCAC CGAGCGGTGG GTCTCAGCC CTACGTGAG AACTGCCTCT ACGACGCTG
2041 CTCCTGCTCC GACGGCAGAG ACTGCTTTG CAGCGCCGTG GCCAACTACG CCGCAGCCGT
2101 GGGCCGGAGG GCGGTGCACA TCGCGTGGCG GGAGCCGGGC TTCTGTGCGC TGAGCTGCCC
2161 CCAGGGCCAG GTGTACCTGC AGTGTGGGAC CCCCTGCAAC ATGACCTGTC TCTCCCTCTC
2221 TTACCCGGAG GAGGACTGCA ATGAGGTCTG CTTGGAAAGC TGCTTCTCCC CCCCAGGGCT
2281 GTACCTGGAT GAGAGGGGAG ATTGTGTGCC CAAGGCTCAG TGTCCCTGTT ACTATGATGG
2341 TGAGATCTTT CAGCCCGAAG ACATCTTCTC AGACCATCAC ACCATGTGCT ACTGTGAGGA
2401 TGGCTTCATG CACTGTACCA CAAGTGGAGG CCTGGGAAGC CTGCTGCCCC ACCCGGTGCT
2461 CAGCAGCCCC CGGTGTCACC GCAGCAAAAG GAGCCTGTCC TGTGCGCCCC CCATGGTCAA
2521 GTTGGTGTGT CCCGCTGATA ACCCGAGGGC TGAAGGACTG GAGTGTGCCA AAACCTGCCA
2581 GAACTATGAC CTGCACTGCA TGAGCACAGG CTGTGTCTCC GGCTGCCTCT GCCCGCAGGG
2641 CATGGTCCGG CATGAAAACA GGTGTGTGGC GCTGGAAAGA TGTCCCTGCT TCCACCAAGG
2701 CCAAGAGTAC GCCCCAGGAG AAACCGTGAA AATTGACTGC AACACTTGTG TCTGTCGGGA
2761 CCGGAAGTGG ACCTGCACAG ACCATGTGTG TGATGCCACT TGCTCTGCCA TCGGCATGGC
2821 GCACTACCTC ACCTTCGAGC GACTCAAGTA CCTGTTCCCT GGGGAGTGCC AGTATGTTCT
2881 GGTGCAGGAT TACTGCGGCA GTAACCCTGG GACCTTACGG ATCCTGGTGG GGAACGAGGG
2941 GTGCAGCTAC CCCTCAGTGA AATGCAAGAA GCGGGTCACC ATCCTGGTGG AAGGAGGAGA
3001 GATTGAACTG TTTGATGGGG AGGTGAATGT GAAGAAACCC ATGAAGGATG AGACTCACTT
3061 TGAGGTGGTA GAGTCTGGTC AGTACTGCTAT TCTGCTGCTG GGCAAGGCAC TCTCTGTGGT
3121 CTGGGACCAC CGCCTGAGCA TCTCTGTGAC CCTGAAGCGG ACATACCAGG AGCAGGTGTG
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FIGURE 1B

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3181 TGGCCTGTGT GGGAAATTTTG ATGGCATCCA GAACAATGAT TTCACCAGCA GCAGCCTCCA
3241 AATAGAAGAA GACCCTGTGG ACTTTGGGAA TTCCTGGAAA GTGAACCCGC AGTGTGCCGA
3301 CACCAAGAAA GTACCACTGG ACTCATCCCC TGCCGTCTGC CACAACAACA TCATGAAGCA
3361 GACGATGGTG GATTCCCTCT GCAGGATCCT CACCAGTGAT ATTTTCCAGG ACTGCAACAG
3421 GCTGGTGGAC CCTGAGCCAT TCCTGGACAT TTGCATCTAC GACACTTGCT CCTGTGAGTC
3481 CATTGGGGAC TGCACCTGCT TCTGTGACAC CATTGCTGCT TACGCCCACG TCTGTGCCCA
3541 GCATGGCAAG GTGGTAGCCT GGAGGACAGC CACATTCTGT CCCCAGAATT GCGAGGAGCG
3601 GAATCTCCAC GAGAATGGGT ATGAGTGTGA GTGGCGCTAT AACAGCTGTG CCCCTGCCTG
3661 TCCCATCACG TGCCAGCACC CCGAGCCACT GGCATGCCCT GTACAGTGTG TTGAAGGTTG
3721 CCATGCGCAC TGCCCTCCAG GGAATCTCTT GGATGAGCTT TTGCAGACCT GCATCGACCC
3781 TGAAGACTGT CCTGTGTGTG AGGTGGCTGG TCGTCGCTTG GCCCCAGGAA AGAAATCAT
3841 CTTGAACCCC AGTGACCTG AGCAGTGCCA AATTGTGAAT TGTGATGGTG TCAACTTCAG
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3961 CTCTACCACC TCGTATGTGG AGGACACGTC GGAGCCGCCC CTCCATGACT TCCACTGCAG
4021 CAGGCTTCTG GACCTGGTTT TCCTGCTGGA TGGCTCCTCC AAGCTGTCTG AGGACGAGTT
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4141 GATCCGCGTG GCTGTGGTGG AGTACCACGA CGGCTCCAC GCCTACATCG AGCTCAAGGA
4201 CCGGAAGCGA CCCTCAGAGC TGCGGCGCAT CACCAGCCAG GTGAAGTACG CGGGCAGCGA
4261 GGTGGCCTCC ACCAGTGAGG TCTTAAAGTA CACGCTGTTT CAGATCTTTG GCAAGATCGA
4321 CCGCCCGGAA GCGTCTCGCA TTGCCCTGCT CCTGATGGCC AGCCAGGAGC CCTCAAGGCT
4381 GGCCCGGAAT TTGGTCCGCT ATGTGCAGGG CCTGAAGAAG AAGAAAGTCA TTGTCTATCC
4441 TGTGGGCATC GGGCCCCACG CCAGCCTTAA GCAGATCCAC CTCATAGAGA AGCAGGCCCC
4501 TGAGAACAAG GCCTTTGTGT TCAGTGGTGT GGATGAGTTG GAGCAGCGAA GGGATGAGAT
4561 TATCAACTAC CTCTGTGACC TTGCCCCCGA AGCACCTGCC CCTACTCAGC ACCCCCCAAT
4621 GGCCAGGTC ACGGTGGGTT CGGAGCTGTT GGGGGTTTCA TCTCCAGGAC CCAAAAGGAA
4681 CTCCATGGTC CTGGATGTGG TGTTTGTCTT GGAAGGGTCA GACAAAATTG GTGAGGCCAA
4741 CTTTAACAAA AGCAGGGAGT TCATGGAGGA GGTGATTGAG CGGATGGAGC TGGGCCAGGA
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4861 CGAGGCGCAG TCCAAGGCG AGGTCTTACA GCAGGTGCGG GATATCCGAT ACCGGGGTGG
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5581 GAAAGCGGTG GTTATCCTAG TCACAGATGT CTCCGTGGAT TCAGTGGATG CTGCAGCCGA
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6241 AGTTGAGCTC CACAGTGACA TGCAATGAG AGTAGTCT CCATCCCAT
6301 TGTGGGTGGA GACATGGAAG TCAATGTTTA TGGGACCATC ATGTATGAGG TCAGATTCAA
6361 CCATCTTGGC CACATCTTCA CATTCACCCC CCAAAACAAT GAGTTCCAGC TGCAGCTCAG

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FIGURE 1C

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6421 CCCCAGGACC TTTGCTTCGA AGACATATGG TCTCTGTGGG ATCTGTGATG AGAACGGAGC
6481 CAATGACTTC ATTCTGAGGG ATGGGACAGT CACCACAGAC TGGAAGGCAC TCATCCAGGA
6541 ATGGACCGTA CAGCAGCTTG GGAAGACATC CCAGCCTGTC CATGAGGAGC AGTGTCTGT
6601 CTCCGAATTC TTCCACTGCC AGGTCCTCCT CTCAGAATTG TTTGCCGAGT GCCACAAGGT
6661 CCTCGCTCCA GCCACCTTTT ATGCCATGTG CCAGCCCGAC AGTTGCCACC CGAAGAAAGT
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7501 CCGAGGCACC ATCTACCCTG TGGGCCAGTT CTGGGAGGAG GCCTGTGACG TGTGCACCTG
7561 CACGGACTTG GAGGACTCTG TGATGGGCCT GCGTGTGGCC CAGTGTCTCC AGAAGCCCTG
7621 TGAGGACAAC TGCTGTGTCAG GCTTCACTTA TGTCTTCAT GAAGGCGAGT GCTGTGGAAG
7681 GTGTCTGCCA TCTGCCTGTG AGGTGGTCAC TGTTTCACCA CGGGGCGACG CCCAGTCTCA
7741 CTGGAAGAAT GTTGGCTCTC ACTGGGCCTC CCTGACAAC CCCTGCCTCA TCAATGAGTG
7801 TGTCCGAGTG AAGGAAGAGG TCTTTGTGCA ACAGAGGAAT GTCTCCTGCC CCCAGCTGAA
7861 TGTCCCCACC TGCCCCACGG GCTTCCAGCT GAGCTGTAAG ACCTCAGAGT GTTGTCCAC
7921 CTGTCACTGC GAGCCCTGG AGGCCTGCTT GCTCAATGGT ACCATCATTG GGCCGGGGAA
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8461 ATGTGCCAGC AAAGCCGTGT ACTCCATCCA CATGGAGGAT GTGCAGGACC AGTGCTCCTG
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8701 GAGTGCTGCT CAGTCCTCCT CAGTCCTCCT CTGCTCTGC TCTTGTGCTT CCTGATCCCA
8761 CAATAAAGGT CAATCTTTCA CCTTGAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AA

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Human	MIPARFAGVLLALALILPGTLCAGETRGRSSTARCSLFGSDFVNTFDGSMYSFAGYCSYL	60
Dog	-S-T-LVR-----K-TK--V---M---L-G-I---E-----D---	
Human	LAGGCQKRSFSIIGDFQNGKRVSLSVYLGEFFDIHLFVNGTVTQGDQRVSMYPYASKGLYL	120
Dog	---D--EH-I-L--G---D-----ML--T-SI-----N-----	
Human	ETEAGYYKLSGEAYGFVARIDGSGNFQVLLSDRYFNXTCGLCGNFNIFAEDDFMTQEGTL	180
Dog	-A-----S-----N-----K-----	
Human	TSDPYDFANSWALSSGEQWCERASPPSSSCNISSGEMQKGLWEQCQLLKSTSVFARCHPL	240
Dog	-----R-K-V---P--V--D-V-QV-----A-----	
Human	VDPEPFVALCEKTLCECAGGLECACPALLEYARTCAQEGMVLYGWTDSACSPVCPAGME	300
Dog	-----R--T-VQ-M--P-AV-----A--Q-I-----V-R-A-----	
Human	YRQCVSPCARTCQSLHINEMCQERCVDGCSCPEGQLLDEGLCVESTECPCVHSGKRYPPG	360
Dog	-KE-----T-----VK-V--Q-----H--G-A-S--A-Q-----	
Human	TSLSRDCNTCICRNSQWICSNEECPGECCLVTGQSHFKSFDNRYFTFSGICQYLLARDQCQD	420
Dog	A--LQ--H-----L-----V-H---Q---	
Human	HSFSIVIETVQCADDRDAVCTRSVTVRLPGLHNSLVKLKHGAGVADGQDVQLPLLKGD	480
Dog	-T--V-----L-----H-----N-G-S-----I-I--Q---	
Human	RIQHTVTASVRLSYGEDLQMDWDGRGRLLVKLSPVYAGKTCGLCGNYNGNQDDFLTPSG	540
Dog	-----M-----S-V-----T-Y-A-----RG-----R---V--A-	
Human	LAEPRVEDFGNAWKLHGDCQDLQKHSDPCALNPFMTFSEEACAVLTSPTFEACHRAVS	600
Dog	----L-----L-A-EN-----R--S---QA--A-----L---SK--P---G	
Human	PLPYLRNCRYDVCSCSDGRECLCGALASYAAACAGRGVRVAWREPGRCELNCPKQGVYLO	660
Dog	-Q--VQ--L-----D--S-V-N---V-R--HI-----F-A-S--Q-----	
Human	CGTPCNLTCSRSLSYPDEECNEACLEGCFCPPGLYMDERGCVPKAOCPCYDGEIFQPED	720
Dog	-----M--L-----E-D--V--S--S-----L-----	
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Dog	---D-----T-----A-----	
Human	NPGTFRILVGNKGCSHPSVKCKKRVITLVEGGEIELFDGEVNVKRP MKDETHFEVVESGR	960
Dog	---L-----E---Y-----K-----Q	
Human	YIILLGKALS VVWDRHLSISVVLKQTYQEKVCGLCGNFDGIQNNDLTSSNLQVEEDPVD	1020
Dog	-V-----HR-----T--R---Q-----F--S--I-----	
Human	FGNSWKVSSQCADTRKVPLDSSPATCHNNIMKQTMVDSSCRILTSDFQDCNKLVDPEPY	1080
Dog	-----NP-----K-----V-----I-----R-----F	

FIGURE 2A

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Human	LDVCIYDTCSCESIGDCACFCDTIAAYAHVCAOHGKVVWTRTATLCPQSCSEERNLRENGY	1140
Dog	--I-----T-----A---F---N-----H---	
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Dog	-----PI-----I-----	
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Dog	-----L-P---II-----N--G--F--K--R---SV-----G-IGS--S---	
Human	DISEPPLHDFYCSRLDLVFLLDGSSRLSEAEFEVLKAFVVDMMERLRISQKWVRVAVVE	1320
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Dog	-----E-----T-----E-----G-----	
Human	ALLLMASQEPQMRNRFVRYVQGLKKKKVIVIPVGIGPHANLKQIRLIEKQAPENKAFVL	1440
Dog	-----S-LA--L-----S---H-----F	
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Dog	-G-----R---IN-----A--QH-P-----SE-----SP-----V	
Human	FVLEGS DKIGEADFNRSKEFMEEVIQRMVDVGQDSIHVTVLQYSYMTVEYPFSEAQSKGD	1560
Dog	-----N--K-R-----R-----T-----E	
Human	ILQVRREIRYQGGNRTNTGLALRYLSDHSFLVSQGDREOAPNLVYMTGNPASDEIKRLP	1620
Dog	V--Q--D--R-----Q--E--S-----V-----M-	
Human	GDIQVVPIGVGPANVQELERIGWPNAPILIQDFETLPREAPDLVLQRCSSGEGLCIPTL	1680
Dog	-----H-----K-----H--M-----	
Human	SPAPDCSQPLDVILLLDGSSSFASYPDEMKSFAKAFISKANIGPRLTQVSVLQYGSITT	1740
Dog	--T-----V-----I-----T---R-----	
Human	IDVPWNVVPEKAHLLSLVDVMQREGGPSQIGDALGFAVRYLTSEMHCARGASKAVVILV	1800
Dog	-----AY--V-----L--Q-----E-----S-----V--V-----	
Human	TDVSVDSVDAADAARSNRVTVPFPIGIGDRYDAAQLRILAGPAGDSNVVKLQRIEDLPTM	1860
Dog	-----E-----SE---SS---KAG--M-R-----V	
Human	VTLGNSFLHKLCSGFVRICMDEDGNEKRPDVTLPDQCHTVTCQPDGQTLLKTHRVNCD	1920
Dog	A-----F-----D-V-V-----L-----S-----	
Human	RGLRPSCPNSSQSPVKEETCGCRWTCPCVCTGSSTRHIVTFDQONFKLTGSCSYVLFQNK	1980
Dog	--P-----G-P-LR-----M-----	
Human	EQDLEVILHNGACSPGARQGC MKSIEVKHSALSVELHSDMEVTVNGRLVSVFVGGNMEV	2040
Dog	-----Q-----KET-----DG-----QM-----I-----D---	
Human	NVYGAINHEVRFNHLGHIFTTPQNNFQLQLSPKTFASKTYGLCGICDENGANDFMLRD	2100
Dog	----T--Y-----R-----I---	
Human	GTVTTDWKTLVQEWTVQRPQGTCPPILEEQCLVPDSSHQVLLPLFAECKVLAPATFY	2160
Dog	-----A-I-----QL-K-S--VH-----P-SEFF-----SE-----	

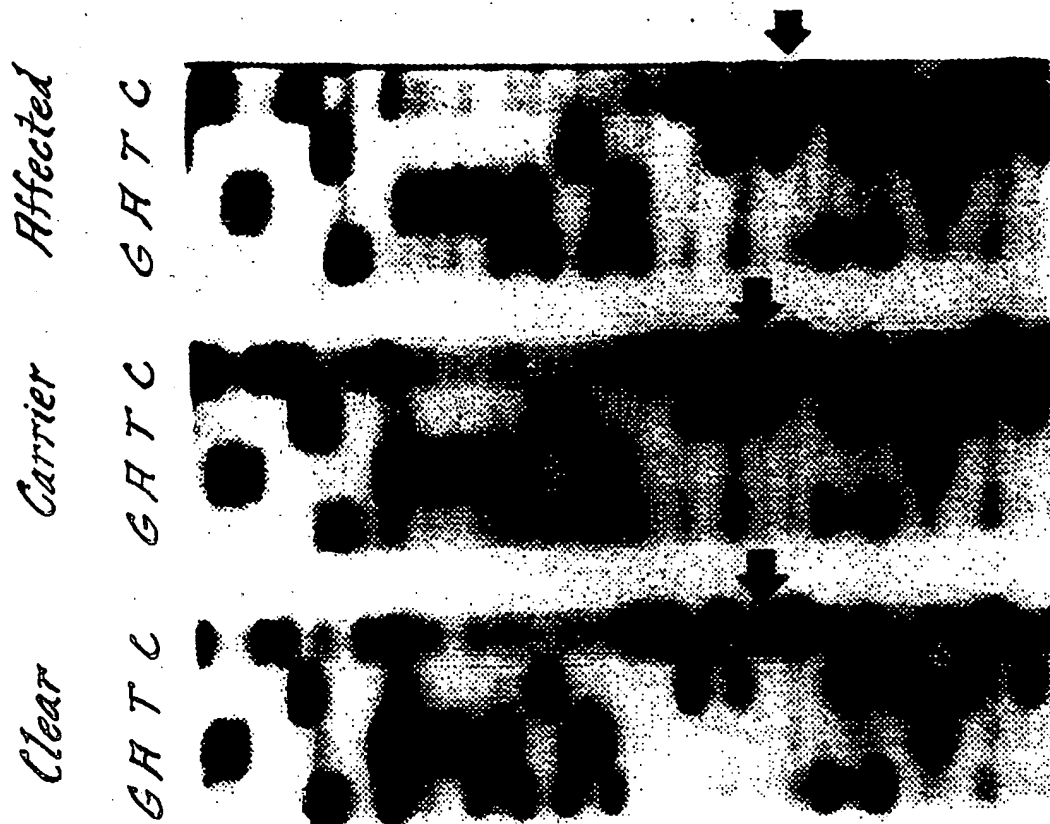
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Human	DGNVSSCGDHPSEGCFCPPDKVMLEGSCVPEEACTQCIGEDGVQHGFLEAWVPDHQPCQI	2280
Dog	E--T-----Q-----NQ-----S-----R-----T---A-----	
Human	CTCLSGRKVNCTTQPCPTAKAPTCGLCEVARLRONADQCCPEYECVCDPVSCDLPPVPHC	2340
Dog	-----L-----P-----V-----L-----P-	
Human	ERGLQPTLTNPGECPNFTCACRKEECKRVSPSPCPPHRLPTLRKTQCCDEYECACNCVN	2400
Dog	-D---M-----D---R-E-----T-A-----	
Human	STVSCPLGYLASTATNDGCTTTTCLPDKVCVHRSTIYPVGQFWEEGCDVCTCTDMEDAV	2460
Dog	-----AV-----F-----G-----A-----L--S-	
Human	MGLRVAQCSQKPCEDSCRSQFTTYVLHEGECCGRCLPSACEVVTGSHRGDSQSSWKSQVGSQ	2520
Dog	-----N-L-----A--H--N---H	
Human	WASPENPCLINECVRVKEEVFIQQRNVSCPOLEVVPVPSGFQLSCKTSACCPSCRCERME	2580
Dog	---D-----V-----N--T--T-----E---T-H--PL-	
Human	ACMLNGTVIGPGKTVMIDVCTTCRCNVQGVVISGFKLECRKTTNCPCLGYKEENNTGEC	2640
Dog	--L---I---SL-----T-P-----G---EA-----K-Q---	
Human	CGRCLPTACTIQLRGGQIMTLKRDETLQDGCDFHFKVNERGEYFWEKRVTCPPPFDEHK	2700
Dog	-----I-----I---S-----I-----	
Human	CLAEQGGKIMKIPGTCCDTCEEPECNDITARLQYVKVGSCKSEVEVDIHYCQCKASKANY	2760
Dog	-----K--I-K--R---D---E-----E-----V-	
Human	SIDINDVQDQSCCSPTRTEPMQVALHCTNGSVVYHEVLNAMECKCSPRKCSK	2813
Dog	--HNE-----Q-----R---LI---I---R-----	

FIGURE 2C

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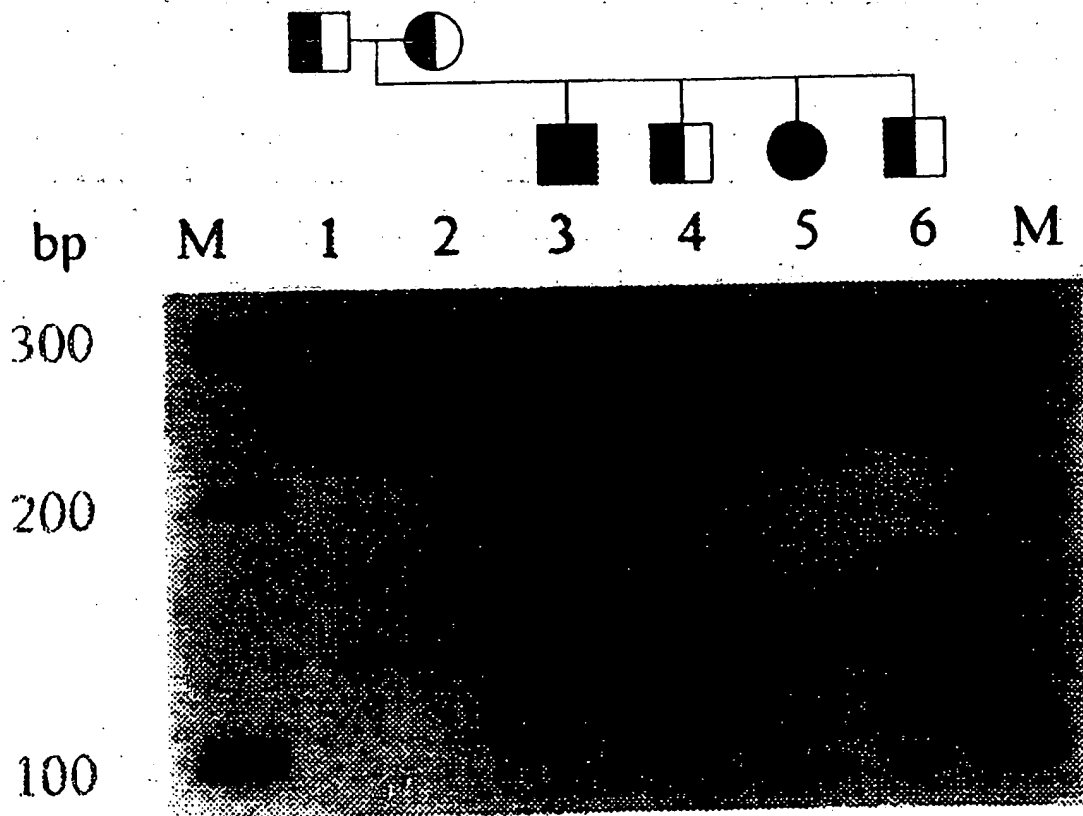
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